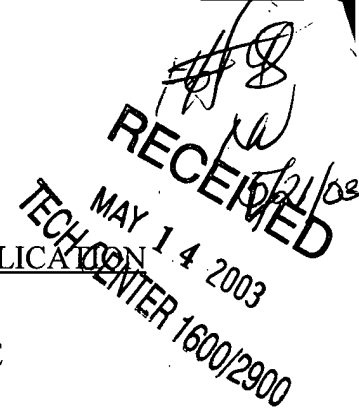


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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
TOMOYA TAKAHASHI, ET AL. ) Examiner: Vickie Y. Kim  
Application No.: 10/049,268 ) Group Art Unit: 1614  
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants respond to the Official Action dated April 18, 2003 (Paper No. 7) in the above-identified application, as follows.

REMARKS

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner required that Applicants elect for prosecution one of the inventions among Groups I-IX for the reasons noted.

In response, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group I. The Examiner has also required that Applicants select for search a specific combination composition. In response, Applicants hereby select dioleoyl phosphatidic acid. Claims 1-4, 7 and 27-28 are readable on the elected species.

Entry hereof is earnestly solicited.